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In re application of: William C. Heard Confirmation No. 7653  
 Serial Number: 10/723,465  
 Filing Date: November 26, 2003  
 Title: Subterranean Hydrogen Storage Process  
 Group Art Unit: 3672  
 Examiner: George A. Suchfield

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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application as stated in the Notification of Abandonment mailed June 23,,2006. In support of this Petition, applicant respectfully submits the following showing in accordance with the practice set forth in MPEP § 711.03(c) together with the attached Exhibits A, B and C as identified below:

- a) Exhibit A is a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal in the above identified application filed under Certificate of Mailing dated January 10, 2006, with a copy of the original Locke Liddell & Sapp check no. 001147 and post card receipt attached;

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b) Exhibit B is a copy of the returned post card receipt showing a PTO date stamp of January 17, 2006;

c) Exhibit C is a copy of the front and back of the aforementioned check 001147, showing the check was endorsed by the Patent and Trademark Office for a credit to the U.S. Treasury.

The above-identified application was filed on November 26, 2003 by the undersigned, whose address at that time was as follows:

William D. Jackson  
Registration No. 20,846  
Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP  
2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200  
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The undersigned is an attorney formerly with the firm of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP and currently with the firm of Schultz & Associates, PC, and has been authorized by the power of attorney from the inventor, William C. Heard, to prosecute the above-identified application, and in this capacity, the undersigned prepared and filed the above-identified application and filed the Issue Fee Transmittal as identified above.

As shown by the attached Exhibits A, B and C, the Issue Fee Transmittal with the accompanying check and postcard return receipt, was filed under Certificate of Mailing dated January 10, 2006 (the PAJR System shows that the issue fee payment was received on January 17, 2006) and the check was endorsed on January 18, 2006 for credit to the U. S. Treasury. Accordingly, the Issue Fee Transmittal was timely filed.

In discussing this application with Ms. Lewis of the Office of Patent Publication, she requested that this petition be submitted by fax to her at the above identified fax number. It is the undersigned's understanding from the discussion with Ms. Lewis that she will as appropriate

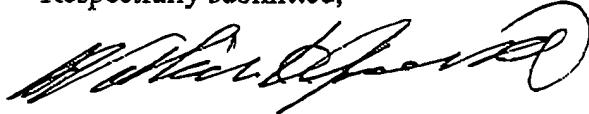
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forward this Petition to the above identified Mail Stop Petitions - Patent. However, at her request this Petition is being faxed to fax number 703/308-5065.

Under the circumstances, applicants respectfully petition that the holding of abandonment in this application be withdrawn. It is applicants' understanding that a petition fee is not required in this application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this filing to the Schultz & Associates, PC Deposit Account No. 50-2225.

Please acknowledge receipt of this fax transmission.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/723,465	11/26/2003	William C. Heard	41257 / 82562	7653

## TITLE OF INVENTION:

## SUBTERRANEAN HYDROGEN STORAGE PROCESS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	Yes	\$700	\$300	\$1,000	January 11, 2006

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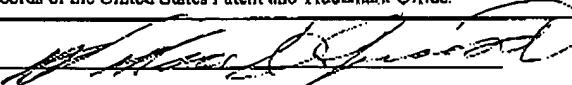
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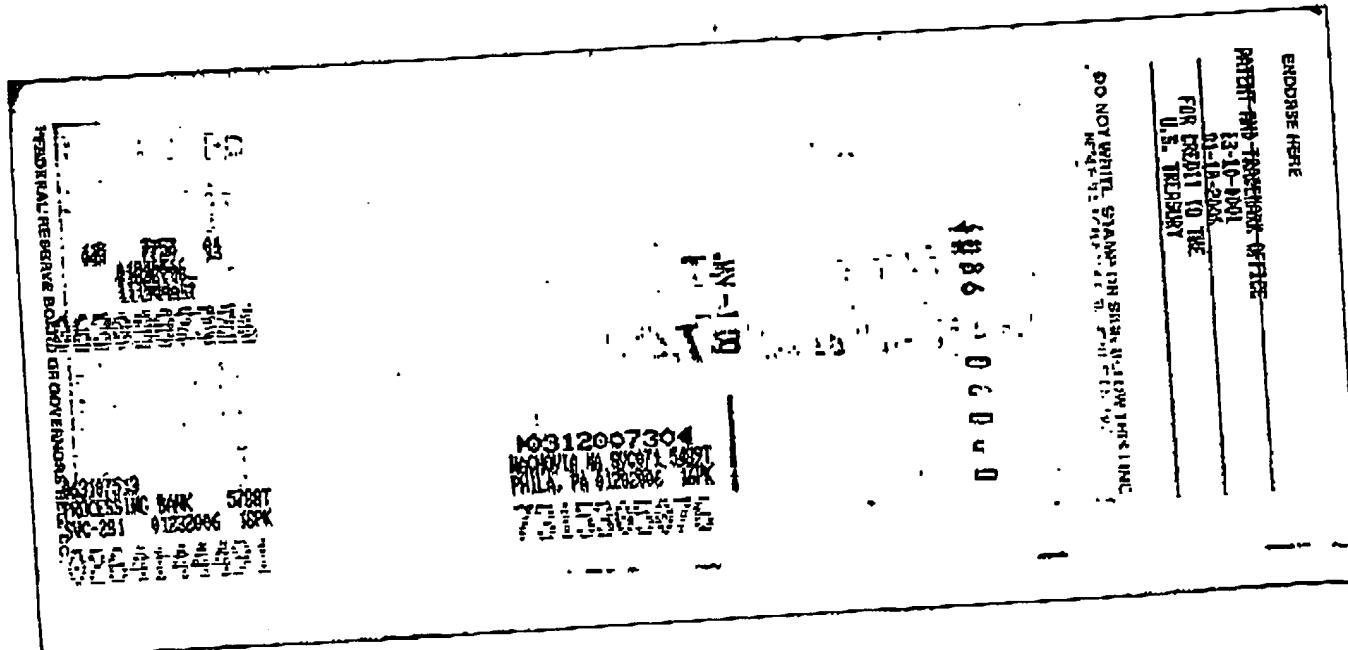
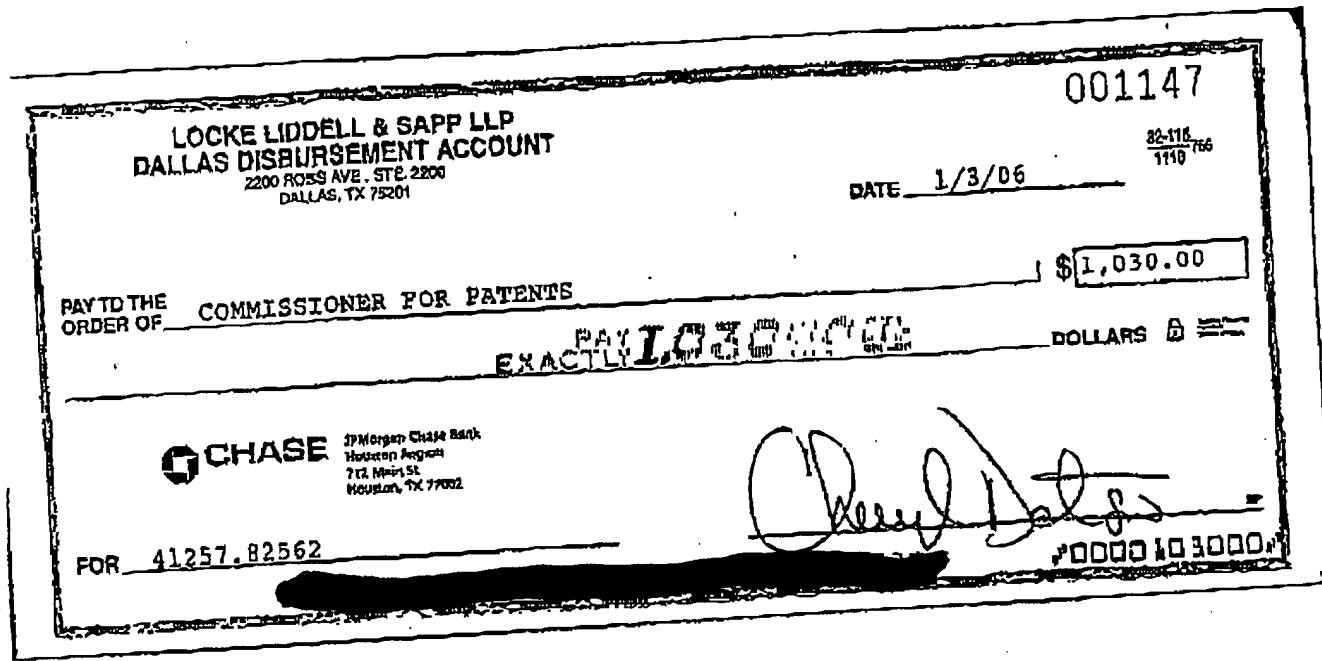


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